

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Q. Vo
SHUICHI KUMADA)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2625
Application No.: 10/694,837)	
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Filed: October 29, 2003)	
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING)	
APPARATUS AND METHOD	:	March 17, 2009

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination of the above-identified application, for which a Request for Continued Examination is being filed concurrently herewith, and in response to the final Office Action dated November 18, 2008, the period for response to which having been extended to March 18, 2008 by the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows: